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1. Through the act of the year 1974, the first steps were taken in the Wachbereitschaft of the SIS, Berlin-Adlershof, in redesigning the unit. The First Battalion was transferred from Adlershof to the former Berlin-Johannistempel. The First Battalion was strengthened by members of the Second and Third Battalions and new recruits. Allegedly, the new members are politically trustworthy. 25X1
2. The new unit is commanded by Col. ENGELBRECHT, former commander of the Wachbereitschaft. The Chief of Staff is Major SASS, who held the same position in the Wachbereitschaft. The official designation of the unit is Ministry of the Interior, State Secretariat for State Security, Kasernierte Wachbereitschaft. The strength of the unit currently is about two battalions.
3. The remnants of the Second and Third Battalions are alleged to have been transferred to their unit as a division. Reportedly, the division will be trained in the use of heavy weapons.
4. Soldiers seen at the Johannistempel installation have bright red branch markings and also violet blue. The violet blue markings have previously not been reported. 25X1 25X1
5. The designation for the old Second and Third Battalions of the Wachbereitschaft is now Ministry of the Interior, State Secretariat for State Security, Wachregiment, Berlin. The old Second and Third Battalions have now been named the First and Second Battalions and a third battalion is expected. The Wachregiment, Berlin, is allegedly commanded by 1st Lt. (fnu) BARTH, who is the Deputy Political Officer and Administrative Officer of the old Wachbereitschaft. The Wachregiment remains at its old quarters at Berlin-Adlershof, Rudowerschausee 16-25. The branch color of the Wachregiment is, as before, bright red. 25X1
6. The assignments of the two new units are believed to be the same as those carried out by the old Wachbereitschaft, that is, the guarding of SFS offices, residential areas and protection of the DDR Government.

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